

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF</b>	)	<b>ORDER APPROVING</b>
<b>SWITCHED ACCESS REVENUE</b>	)	<b>REVENUE REQUIREMENT</b>
<b>REQUIREMENT FOR FORT RANDALL</b>	)	
<b>TELEPHONE COMPANY AND MOUNT</b>	)	<b>TC05-099</b>
<b>RUSHMORE TELEPHONE COMPANY</b>	)	

On July 1, 2005, Fort Randall Telephone Company and Mount Rushmore Telephone Company (Fort Randall/Mount Rushmore) filed for approval by the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its 2004 Intrastate Switched Access Cost Study.

On July 7, 2005, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 22, 2005, to interested individuals and entities. On September 1, 2005, the Commission received Petitions to Intervene from MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC (MCI) and Midcontinent Communications (Midcontinent). On September 15, 2005, the Commission received a Petition to Intervene from AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. (AT&T). On September 19, 2005, the Commission received an Answer of Fort Randall Telephone Company and Mount Rushmore Telephone Company to MCI and Midcontinent's Petitions to Intervene. On September 26, 2005, the Commission received Staff's Response to MCI, Midcontinent and AT&T's Petitions to Intervene. On September 27, 2005, the Commission received an Answer of Fort Randall Telephone Company and Mount Rushmore Telephone Company to AT&T's Petition to Intervene. At a regularly scheduled meeting of September 27, 2005, MCI, Midcontinent and AT&T requested that they be permitted to withdraw their Petitions to Intervene. The Commission voted unanimously that MCI, Midcontinent and AT&T's Petitions to Intervene may be withdrawn. Staff filed a memorandum on January 5, 2007, with the concurrence of the company, setting forth a recommended revenue requirement and minutes of use. The Commission considered this matter at its March 13, 2007, meeting.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 1-26-17.1, 49-1A-9, 49-31-12.4, 49-31-12.6, 49-31-18, 49-31-19 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.02, 20:10:01:15.05, 20:10:27:07 and 20:10:27:08. Upon review of Fort Randall/Mt. Rushmore's filing, the Commission found that the revenue requirement, minutes of use and rates as depicted in Staff's memorandum were fair and reasonable and should be approved. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that Fort Randall/Mt. Rushmore's revenue requirement and minutes of use are hereby approved as revised in accordance with Staff's memorandum and shall be incorporated in the calculation of statewide costs and switched access rates pursuant to ARSD 20:10:27:12 (LECA plus rate). It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that Fort Randall/Mt. Rushmore file revised switched access tariff pages incorporating the individual rate elements as set forth in Staff's memorandum. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that Fort Randall/Mt. Rushmore's revised switched access rates are hereby approved.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2007.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman

  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

  
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner